Declining production in Textile Engineering Industry

†1254. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Textile Engineering Industry is in doldrums and there was a 20 per cent fall in production during the current financial year;

(b) whether the Industry has blamed Government's import policies and customs operation for its predicament; and

(c) what steps Government are contemplating to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) According to available information, the production of textile machinery during April-November, 1992 was 556.75 crores compared to Rs. 612.75 crores during April-November, 1991. The decline in production has primarily been due to the general recession in the industry.

(b) and (c) The Industry has been representing to the Government for reduction in excise and custom duties. These representations have been examined by the Government and reliefs have been announced in custom and excise duties in the recently announced budget.

Technical and financial collaborations

††1255. SHRI IQBAL SINGH :
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of technical and financial collaborations approved during the years 1991-92 and so far in 1992-93;

(b) what is the number out of these which have been in consumer goods sector; and

(c) the details of these collaborations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) The details of foreign technical collaboration and foreign financial collaboration approved during the period 1991-92 and 1992-93 are as under :

year	No. of approvals given for foreign technical collaboration agreements	No. of approvals given for foreign financial collaboration with or without technical collaboration agreements	Total
1991—92	807	415	1222
1992—93	610	565	1175

†Previously Unstarred Question 796, transferred from 1st March, 1993.

†† Previously Unstarred Question 741, transferred from 1st March, 1993.

Of the total 2397 foreign colaboration approved, 281 are in sectors like food processing industries, fermentation industries, vegetable oil and vanaspati, soaps and toilet preparation, leather goods, cement and gypsum products, timber products, cigarettes etc.

Liberalisation Policy

1256. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the present liberalisation policy of Government is confined to delicensing of the industry only in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the out dated rules are still in force; and

(c) if so, what steps are being contemplated to remove these constraints ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Review of the rules and regulations is a continuing process. It has been decided to constitute a Special Review Group in each Ministry to make a review of existing laws and procedures.

Crisis in H.E.C.

1257. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether H.E.C. a Public Sector Undertaking, has been facing crisis due to lack of orders and uneconomic production;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the outcome of the critical analysis, if any, made by Government into the working of the Company resulting in huge losses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) HEC has been facing serious liquidity problem from quite some time past due to various reasons such as excess manpower and poor work culture, high overheads and high interest burden, working capital constraints, old plant and machinery and heavy outstandings from major customers etc. and uneven and uneconomic order book position.

(c) The performance of the company is reviewed by the Government from time to time and corrective measures suggested.

राष्ट्रीय भवन निर्माण निगम (एन.बी.सी.), बल्लभगढ़ के वैज्ञानिकों और इंजीनियरों की समस्याएं

1258. **श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय भवन निर्माण निगम (एन. बी. सी.), बल्लभगढ़ के कई वैज्ञानिक और इंजीनियर नौकरी छोड़ कर चले गए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में गत तीन वर्षों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इस स्थिति पर काबू पाने के लिए सरकार का क्या कदम उठाने का विचार है?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (औद्योगिक विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री तथा उद्योग मंत्रालय (भारी उद्योग विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) और (ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान 41 वैज्ञानिकों तथा इंजीनियरों ने त्यागपत्र दिए और एन. सी. बी., बल्लभगढ़ छोड़ गए हैं ।

(ग) एन. सी. बी. एम. एक सोसायटी है जो सोसायटीज रजिस्ट्रेशन एक्ट, 1960 के अधीन पंजीकृत है । इसके कार्यकलापों